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Lieutenant General Lew Allen, Jr., USAF
 Director, National Security Agency
 Fort George Meade, Maryland 20755

Dear Lew:

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In the near future, [redacted] will call on you and [redacted] to describe all this in more detail. Incidentally, during the duration of the task force, [redacted] will be the CIA SIGINT Officer--a role of mutual interest to you and to us. [redacted] will be asking for your views as to what should be the nature and purpose of this role.

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Faithfully yours,

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E. H. Knoche
 Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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In the near future I would like to introduce formally to you in his new capacity. He will also serve temporarily as the CIA SIGINT Officer while defining for me a clearer role for this position.

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Sincerely,

Enno H. Knoche
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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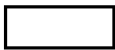
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Attached is a proposed draft letter to Lew Allen on SIGINT, for any changes you may wish.



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